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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC) - PRG ISSUE

REF: A. BUCHAREST 3392; B. STATE 169371

1. ON AUGUST 9 EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE CALLED IN SOVIET CHARGE VORONTSOV TO REPLY TO VORONTSOV'S JULY 31 DEMARCHE MADE TO AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR KIEFFER AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR POPULATION MATTERS CLAXTON. IN DEMARCHE, VORONTSOV HAD URGED THAT US SUPPORT PARTICIPATION OF PRG IN WPC.

2. ARMITAGE SAID HE WISHED TO RESTATE US POSITION ON THIS MATTER. US RECOGNIZES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND DOES NOT RPT NOT REGARD PRG AS HAVING ANY ATTRIBUTES OF A LEGAL GOVERNMENT. PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD NOT ALTERED US POSITION OR, CONFIDENTIAL

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IN OUR VIEW, STATUS OF PRG IN ANY WAY. ARTICLE 9 OF ACT

OF PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM PROVIDES  
THAT "SIGNATURE OF THIS ACT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE RECOGNI-  
TION OF ANY PARTY IN ANY CASE IN WHICH IT HAS NOT  
PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACCORDED."

3. ARMITAGE SAID US WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE PRG  
PARTICIPATION AT WPC AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES  
AND ORGANIZATIONS. MOREOVER, INVITATION QUESTION FOR WPC

HAD BEEN SETTLED BY ECOSOC RES 1484 (XLVIII) OF APRIL 3,  
1970 (WHICH INVITED STATES MEMBERS OF UN AND OF UN  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES) AND ECOSOC RES 1835 (LVI) OF  
MAY 14, 1974 (WHICH ADDED NORTH VIETNAM). WE REGARD  
MATTER AS CLOSED AND WOULD GREATLY REGRET IT IF IMPORTANT  
WORK OF WPC WERE DISRUPTED BY ATTEMPTS TO REOPEN ISSUE.

4. ARMITAGE CONTINUED THAT US HAD SOUGHT TO FIND FLEXIBLE  
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF INVITATION FORMULA. FORMULA OF  
STATES MEMBERS OF UN AND OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES  
PROVIDES SUCH FLEXIBILITY, SINCE NORTH KOREA, GUINEA-  
BISSAU AND OTHER POLITICAL ENTITIES WERE INCLUDED UNDER  
IT UPON GAINING MEMBERSHIP IN A SPECIALIZED AGENCY.  
MOREOVER, IT AVOIDS THORNY PROBLEM OF WHO DECIDES WHAT  
IS, OR IS NOT, A STATE AND DOES NOT THROW RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR SUCH A DECISION UPON UN SECRETARIAT OR SECRETARY  
GENERAL.

5. VORONTSOV SAID SOVIETS HAD RAISED MATTER AS HUMANI-  
TARIAN, NOT POLITICAL ISSUE. THEY WERE NOT ASKING PRG  
REPRESENTATION IN UN OR A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY. FACT  
IS THAT PRG DOES HAVE A POPULATION AND THEREFORE HAS  
JUSTIFICATION FOR BEING AT WPC. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT  
THERE COULD BE SOME DEBATE ABOUT JUST HOW MUCH OF SOUTH  
VIETNAM'S POPULATION IS CONTROLLED BY THE PRG BUT WE  
COULD NOT RECOGNIZE PRG AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT ENTITLED  
TO REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

6. VORONTSOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT US VIEWS TO HIS  
GOVERNMENT.

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7.COMMENT: VORONTSOV'S MANNER WAS RELAXED AND LOW-KEY  
THROUGHOUT MEETING. INTERESTINGLY, HE DID NOT REPEAT  
ASSERTION MADE TO KIEFFER AND CLAXTON THAT THERE ARE  
TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS "RECOGNIZED BY THE  
PARIS AGREEMENTS." KISSINGER

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